



Response Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116
Expedited Procedure
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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: D. DeFeo-Jones et al.

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are in response to the Office Action that was dated August 5, 1997, which was made final and for which a response is due on November 5, 1997. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Cancel Claim 12 and rewrite it as new Claim 21:

1 - - 21. A conjugate which is useful for the treatment of prostate cancer, which comprises a cytotoxic agent attached to an oligopeptide, wherein the oligopeptide comprises a sequence of amino acids that is recognized and selectively proteolytically cleaved by free prostate specific antigen and provided that the oligopeptide does not comprise semenogelin I or semenogelin II, wherein the means of attachment is a covalent bond or a chemical linker. - -

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